



A MESSAGE FROM
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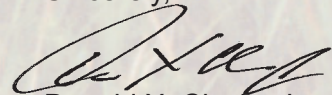
While the Town of Hempstead is renowned for its beautiful parks and beaches, a lesser known but equally as impressive gem is the Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area. From wildlife watching to guided tours and educational seminars, this outstanding town facility has something for residents of all ages.

Visitors can wander along many stunning trails, elevated walkways and study sites to take in all that the Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area has to offer. Wildlife photographers have the opportunity to capture more than 250 species of birds located throughout the 52-acre property.

Residents are encouraged to pick up a trail guide to enhance their visit. For more information about the Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area or to schedule a tour for yourself, a group or class, please call (516) 766-1580.

We encourage all neighbors to visit this great Town of Hempstead facility.

Sincerely,


Donald X. Clavin, Jr.
Supervisor



Fiddler Crab

Welcome

With 52 acres of saltmarsh, tidal creeks and uplands, the Marine Nature Study Area is a beautiful place to visit. The rich variety of plants and animal life make the Marine Nature Study Area an ideal learning center for all ages.



Wildlife Watching

To date, over 250 bird species have been observed and recorded. The site is well used by dedicated bird watchers and affords excellent photographic opportunities. The warm months allow easy viewing of many of the herons and egrets. In the colder months the MNSA is a site for waterfowl migration and, if you're lucky, you might spot Harbor Seals out in the bay.



Trails and Displays

A mile of dirt trails and elevated board walkways leads to eight designated observation and study sites equipped with visual aides. A self-guided booklet is available in the interpretive center.



Educational Programs

The mission of the Marine Nature Study Area is to help foster an understanding of our local natural environment and to create an awareness of its benefits. In addition to the self-guided aspect of the Study Area, we offer guided programs to organized groups and school classes (primary through college level).

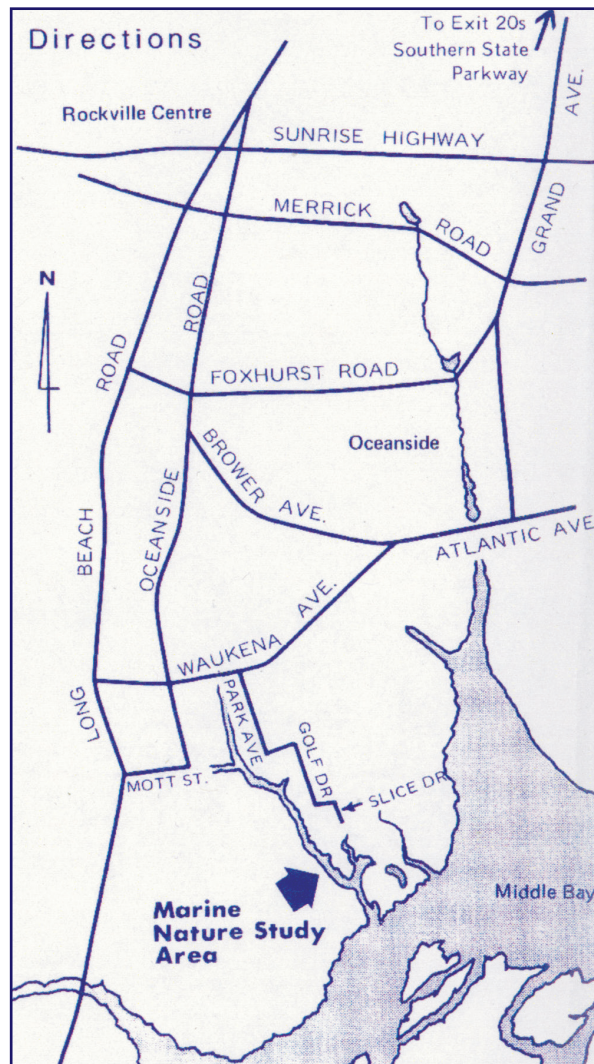


Osprey



**Saltmarsh
Sharp-tailed
Sparrow**

**To schedule a guided field trip
call: (516) 766-1580**



Marine Nature Study Area
 500 Slice Drive
 Oceanside, NY 11572
 (516) 766-1580
www.HempsteadNY.gov
 Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Tuesday to Saturday
 Closed Mondays and Holidays

TRAIL GUIDE



For further information call the
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Oceanside, NY



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